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CURRENT STATUS U.S. POLICY RE CUBAN SHIPPING

To authority to OADB

Addressees should draw on following guidance in reply to questions

re current status U.S. policy on Cuban shipping:

1. U.S.G. gratified that free world governments and ship owners have been increasingly cooperative in restricting use of ships in trade with Cuba, particularly in last weeks. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~re basic U.S. policy~~

2. U.S. Four-Point Program

(a) Orders embodying four points on shipping to Cuba discussed in Ref (a) were ready to be promulgated when missile build-up in Cuba was discovered. While no broader action was being considered and taken, it was thought inappropriate to issue the orders.

(b) Number one priority now is to work out implementation of Khrushchev promise to dismantle and remove offensive missile sites in Cuba. It does not seem desirable just now to inject a new element into that situation such as would be represented by the shipping orders.

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(c) However, all necessary procedures under the four-point program have been worked out so that the orders could be put into effect rapidly at any time.

(d) We are keeping close watch on developments. A final decision can be expected within the next few weeks.

3. CLEARCERT

It should be noted that only quote enforcement unquote^{of} quarantine has been suspended and only for period of U Thant's visit. ~~Furthermore~~ Future status of quarantine uncertain. Therefore for present CLEARCERT ~~xxx~~ procedures outlined Ref. (b) will be continued. Specific queries re CLEARCERT procedures will be answered on individual basis.

4. Foreign^{of} id Appropriations Act

Section 107^{of} Foreign id Appropriations Act signed October 23 imposes certain restrictions on U.S. assistance to countries with vessels carrying arms and strategic items, and items of economic assistance to Cuba. Details regarding interpretation and implementation of Act will follow in separate circular message. However, sanctions under this Act will not be applied with respect to ^{called at Cuban ports} ships which ~~xxxxxx~~ or were on high seas bound for Cuba prior to October 23.

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